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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ENRG IZ XF IN SP UR  
SUBJECT: SOVIETS REPORTEDLY SELLING IRAQI CRUDE AT DISCOUNTED PRICES  
TO SPAIN AND INDIA

1. USINT SOURCE RECENTLY SAID THAT GOI IS VERY ANNOYED  
BECAUSE SOVIET UNION IS SELLING IRAQI CRUDE AT DISCOUNTED  
PRICES TO SPAIN AND INDIA AND THUS TAKING MARKETS AWAY FROM  
IRAQ. SPANISH AMBASSADOR CONFIRMED TO PRINCIPAL OFFICER THAT  
SPAIN RECENTLY BOUGHT 3 MILLION TONS OF IRAQI OIL FROM USSR.  
SOVIETS REPORTEDLY OBTAINED CRUDE IN BARTER DEALS WITH  
IRAQ FOR ARMS.

2. IN FURTHER EFFORT TO CONFIRM REPORT, USINT OFFICER  
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CALLED ON INDIAN EMBASSY CHARGE WHO SAID THAT INDIA HAS  
SIGNED MAJOR ECONOMIC AGREEMENT WITH SOVIETS TWO WEEKS AGO  
THAT INCLUDED THE SALE OF APPROXIMATELY  
ONE MILLION TONS OF SOVIET CRUDE TO INDIA. HE SAID  
NEWSPAPER SPECULATION IN DELHI SUGGESTED THAT THE  
CRUDE INDEED MIGHT COME FROM PERSIAN GULF PORTS, BUT  
HE THOUGHT IT UNLIKELY THAT CRUDE WOULD DIMINISH IRAQI

SALES TO INDIA BECAUSE INDIA HAS IRONCLAD AGREEMENT  
TO BUY TWO MILLION TONS OF IRAQI CRUDE IN 1977.

3. COMMENT: THIS REASON OBVIOUSLY DOES NOT DIS-  
CONFIRM REPORT THAT CRUDE WILL  
BE FROM IRAQ AND THAT SOVIET SALE COST IRAQI SUPPLE-  
MENTARY SALE TO INDIA. END COMMENT.

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